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Million plug-in vehicles are projected by 2020

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A new study projects that there will be 1 million plug-in electric vehicles – or PEVs – on U.S. roadways in a decade, with the biggest concentration on the West Coast and Northeast.

The study was released by the Independent System Operators/ Regional Transmission Organizations Council, whose members serve two-thirds of electricity consumers in the United States and more than half the population of Canada.

The California Independent System Operator Corp. in Folsom is part of the council.

The study projects that the Los Angeles metropolitan area will experience the largest PEV growth, with 119,069 such vehicles by 2019. PEVs in the Los Angeles area could add an electric load of 658 megawatts if every one was charged simultaneously.

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